

Nevada State Health Division Public Health Preparedness

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In This Report

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide pertinent public health information to public health, healthcare providers, and other community stakeholders, as well as to the general public. This report will be published weekly. ** *This will be the last report issued in 2009. The next report will be issued January 8, 2010.* **

Influenza Activity

Influenza Statistics

According to the CDC, for MMWR week 47 (November 22-28, 2009), U.S. influenza activity continued to decrease. The CDC reports:

- Over 99% of all subtyped influenza A viruses being reported to the CDC were 2009 influenza A (H1N1) viruses.
- Patient visits to doctors for influenza-like illness (ILI) decreased this week over last week. This is the fifth consecutive week of national decreases after four consecutive weeks of sharp increases.
- ILI rate nationwide was 3.7%. As of December 9, 2009, Nevada's ILI rate was 3.4%. The national baseline is 2.3%.
- Total influenza hospitalization rates that are *laboratory-confirmed* as influenza have decreased among all age groups, but remain higher than expected for this time of year. Hospitalization rates continue to be highest in children 0-4 years old.
- The proportion of deaths associated with pneumonia and influenza declined over the previous week but remains higher than what is expected at this time of year. A total of 251 laboratory confirmed 2009 H1N1 pediatric deaths have been reported to the CDC since April 2009.
- Twenty-five (25) states are reporting widespread influenza activity. The number of states reporting widespread activity has been declining for the last six weeks. Last week there were 32 states reporting widespread influenza activity, down from 43 states the week prior to that.

Nevada has 5 reporting regions. For MMWR week 47, we are at "widespread" activity, which is defined as outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in at least half the regions of the state with recent laboratory evidence of influenza in those regions.

Additional information on influenza activity and surveillance can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm

Nevada State Public Health Laboratory Counts

According to the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory (NSHPL), as of 2:30pm PT, December 9, 2009, Nevada had 2,442 **confirmed** cases of H1N1 flu and 62 **probable** cases. All of the probable cases, with one exception, are due to samples with viral loads too low for subtyping. ****Does not include private laboratory testing****

Nevada State Public Health Laboratory Confirmed Cases of H1N1 Flu Infection						
County	Confirmed	Probable	Deaths			
Carson City	351	20	0			
Churchill	104	1	0			
Clark	318	6	30			
Douglas	169	4	0			
Elko	248	3	0			
Esmeralda	0	0	0			
Eureka	1	0	0			
Humboldt	30	0	0			
Lander	11	0	0			
Lincoln	0	0	0			
Lyon	77	1	1			
Mineral	12	0	0			
Nye	38	0	0			
Pershing	8	0	0			
Storey	1	0	0			
Washoe	1,060	27	3			
White Pine	14	0	0			
Total	2,442	62	34			

The NSPHL has tested a total of 6,261 samples since April 26, 2009. Cumulative total results, detailed for the last 14 weeks, are noted below. No samples identified as H1, H3 or B have been received since May 2009, thus cumulative totals remain unchanged. ****Does not include private laboratory testing****

	Total	H1N1	%	H1	H3	В	Total	%	Total	%
	Tested		H1N1				Other	Other	Negative	Negative
December 9, 2009	6,261	2,442	39.0%	20	73	78	171	2.7%	3,648	58.3%
December 2, 2009	6,215	2,437	39.2%	20	73	78	171	2.8%	3,607	58.0%
November 25, 2009	6,082	2,409	39.6%	20	73	78	171	2.8%	3,502	57.6%
November 11, 2009	5,994	2,398	40.0%	20	73	78	171	2.9%	3,425	57.1%
November 4, 2009	5,891	2,380	40.4%	20	73	78	171	2.9%	3,340	56.7%
October 28, 2009	5,795	2,323	40.1%	20	73	78	171	2.9%	3,301	57.0%
October 14, 2009	4,714	1,871	39.7%	20	73	78	171	3.6%	2,672	56.7%
October 7, 2009	4,467	1,677	37.6%	20	73	78	171	3.8%	2,619	58.6%
September 30, 2009	4,119	1,526	37.1%	20	73	78	171	4.1%	2,422	58.8%
September 17, 2009	3,476	1,179	33.9%	20	73	78	171	4.9%	2,126	61.2%
September 3, 2009	3,034	917	30.2%	20	73	78	171	5.7%	1,946	64.1%
August 20, 2009	2,618	794	30.4%	20	73	78	171	6.5%	1,673	63.1%
August 13, 2009	2,459	713	29.0%	20	73	78	171	7.0%	1,575	64.0%
August 6, 2009	2,320	663	28.6%	20	73	78	171	7.4%	1,486	64.0%

** update not available for October 21, 2009

H1N1 Vaccination Activities

<u>Target Groups</u>

On July 29, 2009, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)-an advisory committee to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recommended that H1N1 flu vaccine be made available first to the following five groups:

- Pregnant women.
- Healthcare workers and emergency medical services workers.
- People 6 months through 24 years of age.
- People who care for infants under 6 months of age.
- People 25 through 64 years of age with chronic medical conditions.

**Beginning December 11, 2009, Nevadans aged 25 and over with underlying medical conditions will be eligible to receive H1N1 vaccines. This expands the five priority groups to include those over 64 years old with underlying conditions. This change is a consensus decision reached between the State Health Officer and the local health officers from Carson City, Clark and Washoe counties.

Vaccine Distribution

- In total, as of December 10, 2009, Nevada has been allocated 696,700 doses of vaccine from the CDC. Of that, 608,200 doses have been ordered, received and distributed to public health entities, community health nurses, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (in rural areas without a public health presence). The allocation for week ending December 11, 2009 was 87,300 doses.
 - o FluMist (intranasal) 146,200
 - o Injectable (shots) 462,000

Vaccine Dosing Guidelines

- For healthy adults and children over the age of 10 years, one (1) dose of the H1N1 vaccine is recommended.
- For children under the age of 10 years, two (2) doses are recommended for full protection against the H1N1 virus.
- The inhaled vaccine (FluMist) is approved for healthy individuals between the ages of 2-49 years.
- The inhaled vaccine is not approved for pregnant women, or children/adults who have underlying medical conditions, such as diabetes or asthma.

Healthcare Providers

- Provider enrollment is taking place for H1N1 vaccine. As of December 10, 2009, 759 providers have submitted enrollment forms, with 748 enrollments completed.
- The IZ Program will not ship vaccine to any provider who has not enrolled. Provider enrollment deadlines are now on Fridays, by 5pm, in order to receive initial vaccine allotments the following week.
- The IZ Program is conducting weekly provider teleconferences, with an average of over 100 participants. This is an information sharing call, ending with questions and answers. Notes from these calls are posted every week on the <u>www.flu.nv.gov</u> website for those providers who are unable to attend.
- Provider webinars began on October 13, 2009. Topics include proper vaccine storage and handling, as well as reporting and ordering requirements. Numerous sessions have been scheduled and the schedule can be found at <u>www.flu.nv.gov</u>, under the Healthcare Provider tab and scroll down to Webinars. Webinar registration information is also provided.
- Also under the Webinar section is a *How To Administer Vaccine* self-study course for healthcare providers.

Tracking of Doses Administered

As NSHD receives shipments of the H1N1 vaccine and distributes it across Nevada, public, private and tribal providers will be required to report the doses that they administer on a weekly basis. The NSHD's IZ Program has begun collecting this data and reporting it as required to the CDC. As of December 5, 2009, a total of **195,706** doses of H1N1 vaccine have been administered throughout the state, by both private and public providers. Totals from previous weeks have been updated to include late submitted data.

Total H1N1 Doses Administered in Nevada, October 4 - December 5, 2009										
	Oct 4-10	Oct 11-17	Oct 18-24	Oct 25-31	Nov 1-7	Nov 8-14	Nov 15-21	Nov 22-28	Nov 29-Dec 5	Total
Carson	178	472	1,941	3,925	2,621	2,862	5,464	1,068	2,797	21,328
Churchill	0	150	101	67	375	389	248	116	208	1,654
Clark	344	5,873	18,508	13,859	19,390	20,144	21,459	9,983	17,794	127,354
Douglas	2	198	310	265	455	170	211	76	161	1,848
Elko	55	197	285	432	645	875	511	165	403	3,568
Esmeralda	0	0	0	٥	۵	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	0	0	٥	2	1	1	18	7	2	31
Humboldt	0	23	14	37	438	90	121	47	520	1,290
Lander	0	0	0	50	211	68	9	41	52	431
Lincoln	0	0	28	۵	171	30	39	58	259	585
Lyon	0	18	19	13	208	43	238	38	54	631
Mineral	0	13	17	194	68	150	179	126	5	752
Nye	36	302	242	344	120	162	753	229	436	2,624
Pershing	0	0	۵	5	1	26	5	8	0	45
Storey	0	0	4	٥	2	6	12	15	17	56
Washoe	128	744	2,330	5,841	6,039	5,361	6,261	2,134	3,882	32,720
White Pine	1	132	118	160	114	80	122	41	21	789
Total	744	8,122	23,917	25,194	30,859	30,457	35,650	14,152	26,611	195,706

H1N1 Planning and Response Activities

Planning and response activities have been ongoing to ensure Nevada is ready to act during the 2009-2010 influenza season. These <u>ongoing</u> activities include:

- H1N1 vaccine (nasal spray and shots) are now being offered by local health departments. Vaccines are offered at no cost, on a first-come, first-served basis. Some upcoming clinics are listed below. Check the H1N1 Flu Vaccine Locator at: http://health.nv.gov/ or contact the appropriate local health department for clinic specific information.
 - Monday Friday, December 14-18, 2009 from 9am 6pm
 - Ravenholt Public Health Center
 625 Shadow Lane
 Las Vegas
 - o Thursday, December 17, 2009 from 1pm 4pm
 - Washoe County Health District Admin Complex, Building B, 1st floor 1001 E. Ninth Street
 - Reno (corner of Wells Ave & 9th St., south of Livestock Event Center)
 - Thursday, December 17, 2009 from 10am 6pm
 - Winnemucca Convention Center West Hall Corner of Winnemucca Boulevard and Melarkey Street Winnemucca
 - o Thursday, December 17, 2009 from 3pm 6pm
 - Fernley High School 1300 Highway 95 Alt. Fernley
 - Thursday, December 17, 2009 from 8am noon & 1pm 4pm
 - Mesquite Public Health Center 830 Hafen Lane Mesquite
 - Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 1pm 4pm
 - Washoe County Health District Admin Complex, Building B, 1st floor 1001 E. Ninth Street
 - Reno (corner of Wells Ave & 9th St., south of Livestock Event Center)
 - o Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 8am noon & 1pm 4pm
 - Mesquite Public Health Center 830 Hafen Lane

 - Mesquite
 - Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 9am noon
 - Washoe County Health District Admin Complex, Building B, 1st floor 1001 E. Ninth Street
 - Reno (corner of Wells Ave & 9th St., south of Livestock Event Center)
 - o Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 9am 2pm
 - Ravenholt Public Health Center
 625 Shadow Lane
 Las Vegas

- The State Health Officer will meet with local health officers from Carson City, Clark and Washoe counties to discuss offering the H1N1 vaccine to the general public. The meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2010.
- Calls from the public continue to come in to the toll-free bilingual hotline (866-767-5038), seeking information on H1N1. A total of **19,659** calls have been received since the official beginning of influenza season (October 4, 2009).

Week	Number of Calls Received
November 29 – December 5, 2009	898
November 22-November 28, 2009	718
November 15-November 21, 2009	2,195
November 8-November 14, 2009	2,819
November 1-November 7, 2009	3,231
October 25-October 31, 2009	2,272
October 18-October 24, 2009	4,848
October 11-October 17, 2009	2,276
October 4-October 10, 2009	402

NSHD activated its Division Operations Center (DOC) to manage all H1N1 planning and response efforts. The DOC follows the Incident Command System (ICS) structure. Weekly meetings are conducted to discuss Health Division H1N1 activities and updates.

H1N1 Tribal Community Activities

The NSHD's PHP Tribal Liaison is working with the various tribal communities to ensure that they are prepared for the 2009-2010 influenza season.

• Tribal clinics are administering the H1N1 vaccine in their communities.

H1N1 Public Information Activities

The NSHD's Public Information Officer (PIO) is working with PIOs at the state and local levels to keep the public informed during the 2009-2010 influenza season and to provide consistent information across the state. Public information activities include:

- Conducted a conference call with frontier and rural "PIOs" (those in the rural counties that have been assigned PIO duties for their county) on November 17, 2009. The next call is scheduled for December 11, 2009.
- Drafting a new influenza prevention ad for the January issue of Washoe Parents Magazine.
- Continual updating of the toll-free bilingual hotline (866-767-5038) with general information on H1N1 influenza and H1N1 vaccination clinics being conducted statewide by local health departments.
- Continuing conducting bimonthly PIO meetings, with NSHD PIO serving as the lead.
- Nevada Broadcasting Association flu prevention radio spots in English and Spanish are now airing on the radio statewide.
- Continuing to update the <u>www.flu.nv.gov</u> website.

H1N1 Disease and Surveillance Activities

Influenza surveillance is being conducted in conjunction with H1N1 vaccination activities. In preparation for the upcoming 2009-2010 influenza (regular and H1N1) season, the following disease and surveillance activities are underway:

- Continue weekly tracking of seasonal and H1N1 influenza confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in Nevada.
- Continue regular monitoring of over-the counter (OTC) healthcare products usage in Nevada and nationwide using the National Retail Data Monitor (NRDM) system. NRDM monitors the sales of these OTCs to help identify disease outbreaks as early as possible.
- Continue daily monitoring of EpiCenter activity. EpiCenter collects and analyzes real-time data from emergency departments of participating Nevada hospitals and urgent care facilities. This provides a picture to public health of disease activity occurring in Nevada and also serves as another tool in the early detection of disease outbreaks.